

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition for oral administration comprising:

- a) a cyclosporin as active ingredient in a carrier medium consisting essentially of
- b) a fatty acid triglyceride and
- c) a ~~glycerol fatty acid partial ester or~~ propylene glycol or sorbitol complete or partial ester,

wherein the carrier medium is an oil based composition other than an oil-based aqueous emulsion and wherein the carrier medium is free of ethanol.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition for oral administration comprising:

- a) a cyclosporin as active ingredient in a carrier medium consisting essentially of
- b + c) a transesterification product of a hydrogenated vegetable oil with glycerol or propylene glycol.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 2 comprising

- b+c) a transesterification product of a hydrogenated vegetable oil and glycerol.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): A composition according to claim 3, wherein (a) is selected from the group consisting of Ciclosporin, (Dihydro-MeBmt)¹-(Val)²-Ciclosporin and (Nva)²-Ciclosporin.

Claim 6 (original): A composition according to claim 3, wherein (b+c) is a corn oil, almond oil, ground-nut oil, olive oil or palm oil trans-esterification product.

Claim 7 (original): A composition according to claim 6, wherein (b+c) is a corn oil trans-esterification product.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of free glycerol plus any other free mono-or poly-ol present in (b+c) is less than 10% by weight.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is ca. 25-50% by weight.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of free glycerol present in (b+c) is less than 10%.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is 35-50% by weight.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of di-glyceride present in (b+c) is less than 40% and the amount of tri-glyceride present is less than 10% by weight.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is 30 to 40% by weight.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (original): A composition according to claim 3 additionally comprising:

d) a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent or diluent miscible with (b+c) and reducing, or capable of reducing, the viscosity of (b+c).

Claim 19 (original): A composition according to claim 18, wherein (d) comprises a trans-esterification product of a natural vegetable oil triglyceride and a polyalkylene polyol.

Claim 20 (original): A composition according to claim 18, wherein (d) comprises ethanol.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 18, wherein (d) comprises an esterification product of caprylic acid and caproic acid with glycerol.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A composition according to claim [[3]] 18, additionally comprising:

e) a pharmaceutically acceptable emulsifying agent.

Claim 23 (original): A composition according to claim 22, wherein (d) comprises a reaction product of a natural or hydrogenated castor oil and ethylene oxide.

Claim 24 (original): A composition according to claim 3, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable base material, the admixture being formed as, or capable of being formed into, a solid unit dosage.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 24 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable base material comprises a natural fat.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 24, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable base material comprises a chocolate base.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 comprising:

- a) a cyclosporin as active ingredient in a carrier medium consisting essentially of
- b) a fatty acid triglyceride
- c) a ~~glycerol fatty acid partial ester or~~ propylene glycol or sorbitol complete or partial ester, and
- e') a tenside having an HLB of at least 10.

Claim 28 (currently amended): Composition according to claim 27 wherein components (b) and (c) consist or consist essentially of the individual components of a trans-esterification product of a hydrogenated vegetable oil with glycerol, said composition:

- i) ~~being free or substantially free of ethanol; or~~
- ii) i) comprising Ciclosporin or [Nva]²-Ciclosporin as component
 - a) ; or
- iii) ii) comprising components (a) and (e') in a ratio of 1: at least 1 p.p.w.

Claim 29 (original): Composition according to claim 27, wherein (a) is present in an amount of from about 2 to about 20% by weight based on the total weight of components (a) to (c) and (e') inclusive.

Claim 30 (currently amended): Composition according to claim 27, wherein (d) (e') comprises the reaction product of a natural or hydrogenated castor oil and ethylene oxide, a polyoxyethylene-sorbitan-fatty acid ester, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid ester, a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene co-polymer or block co-polymer, diethylsuccinate, dicetylsuccinate, di-[2-ethylhexyl]-succinate, a phospholipid, a propylene glycol mono-or di-fatty acid ester or sodium lauryl sulfate.

Claim 31 (original): Composition according to claim 27 wherein (a) and (e') are present in a ratio of about 1:1 to 25 p.p.w. [(a) : (e')].

Claim 32 (original): Composition according to claim 27 comprising a component (a) and a component (e') as defined in claim 27 and [(b) + (c)] a transesterification product of a vegetable oil and glycerol, propylene glycol or sorbitol.

Claim 33 (original): Composition according to claim 32 wherein (b) and (c) consist or consist essentially of the individual components (b) and (c) of a component [(b) + (c)] as defined in claim 32.

Claim 34. (original): Composition according to claim 33 wherein (a) and [(b) + (c)] are present in a ratio of about 1:0.75 to 35 p.p.w. [(a):[(b) +(c)]].

Claim 35 (original): Composition according to claim 27 comprising at least one ingredient which consists or consists essentially of a component or components (b) as defined in claim 27 or of a component or components (c) as defined in claim 27.

Claim 36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (original): Composition according to claim 27 wherein (b) and (c) are present in a ratio of about 1:0.02 to 3.0 p.p.w. [(b):(c)].

Claim 38 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3 wherein the amount of free glycerol plus any other free mono-or poly-ol present in (b+c) is less than 5% by weight.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3 wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is 30-45% by weight.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of free glycerol present in (b+c) is less than 5%.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The composition of claim 40 wherein the amount of free glycerol present in (b+c) is ca. 4% by weight.

Claim 42 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is 40-45% by weight.

Claim 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 16 wherein the amount of mono-glyceride present in (b+c) is 35% by weight.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 12, 40 or 41, wherein (b+c) is corn-oil trans-esterification product.

Claim 46 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 25 wherein the natural fat is a natural vegetable fat.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 46 wherein the natural vegetable fat is cacao fat or butter.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The composition of claim 26 wherein the chocolate base is couverture chocolate.